

Appl. S.N. 10/674,495
Amdt. Dated Nov. 20, 2006
Reply to Office Action of August 22, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2006 wherein claims 11-12, and 16 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Ermilov, et al. Claim 15 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In this amendment, claims 1-10 and 13-16 were canceled and claim 11 was amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 15. No new matter has been added.

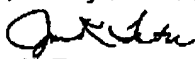
Claims 11, 12 and 16-34 remain pending in this application. Claims 17-34 have been withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 15. Claim 12 depends from claim 11 and is therefore similarly allowable. No new matter has been added. Claim 16 has been canceled and therefore the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) has been obviated.

In view of the foregoing amendment and for the reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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